1. Where can I find IBFS on the Web?

   *The IBFS Homepage is located at **http://ibfsweb.fcc.gov/webreports** on the world wide web. You can also reach the IBFS Homepage from a link on the International Bureau Homepage at the following address: **www.fcc.gov/ib***

2. Can I get the Form 159 completed through IBFS?

   Yes. Once you have filed a form through IBFS, you can click the "Form 159 Menu" button and generate a Form 159 to print out and send in with your payment.

3. Can I file my Form 159 and my payment electronically to Mellon Bank?

   Not yet. Currently, users must print out the 159 and mail it and their check into the appropriate mailbox at Mellon Bank to ensure that applications are processed. However, the Bureau is working to release a new version of the 159 that will allow users to pay fees associated with applications with their credit card via the internet. Look for this in early Spring 1999.

4. What is a Submission ID?

   When an application is completed and then filed through IBFS, it is assigned a Submission ID number to identify the application. This number is automatically entered onto the Form 159 and is used by the FCC to match you application with your payment. Without verification of fee payment, the FCC cannot process your application.

5. **How do I know what fee to pay?**

   In IBFS, most fees codes known by the system and automatically are placed on the 159 generated by the system. Some applications require the applicant to select a fee code from a drop-down list within the application. If you would like to download a copy of the International Bureau Application Fee Guide, it is located at the following address: www.fcc.gov/fees/98appfees.html

6. **What does the "Validate" button do?**

   The validation button ensures that all required fields are filled in on your application. Validation is very important to filers. Without validating, the system will not allow users to move to the "Attachment" window or other sections of multi-part applications. (i.e. Schedule A or B of the Form 312)

7. Once my application is accepted by the Bureau, how long will it take for it to get on the Accepted for Filing Public Notice?

The time period needed to put an application on Public Notice will vary depending on the application type. Generally, international telecommunications applications go on the Accepted for Filing Public Notice in 5 to 10 days. Earth and Space station applications may take longer.

8. How will I know that my application has been received and accepted for filing?

Users can check the status of their application through IBFS in two ways: 1) users can run a pending listing for their type of application, or 2) under the general reports section, users can enter their file number and query IBFS for an updated status.   If an application does not appear on the pending list 5 or more days after you have filed, users should contact the IBFS administrator immediately. (see attached list of contacts)

9. What kind of applications can I file through IBFS?

INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS APPLICATIONS	EARTH AND SPACE STATION APPLICATIONS (Part 25)
International Accounting Rate Change Filings (Part 63)	**Earth Station Authorizations - Form 312**
Cable Landing License Applications (Part 63)	**Earth Station Special Temporary Authority**
Requests for assignment of a data network identification code (Part 64)	**Renewal of Radio License in Specific Services**
Foreign Carrier Affiliation Notification Filings (Part 64)	**Space and Earth Station: Application for Modification of Current Authorization or Amendment of Pending Applications**
International Section 214 Applications (Part 63)	**Space and Earth Station: Applications for Transfer of Control or Assignment of License**
International Section 214 Special Temporary Authority (Part 63)	**Space Station Authorizations - Form 312**
International Signalling Point Code Filings (Part 64)	**Space Station Special Temporary Authority**
Recognized Operating Agency Filing	

10. Why won't my application form allow me to attach a document before completing the form?

To ensure that your application contains all required information, IBFS will not allow users to attach supporting documentation until the main form is completed and validated.

11. Can I get a download of all IBFS technical information?

Yes. IBFS data is available for downloading at the following address:
www.fcc.gov/oet/info/software/suss
If you have questions regarding the download, contact Donald Campbell at
202-418-2405.

12. Can I get a complete listing of all carriers who have an international Section 214 authorization?

No. IBFS does have a web report that lists all current authorizations.
However, data on international Section 214 authorizations processed prior to
March 1996 is not available electronically. (Prior to March 1996, applications
were tracked manually.)